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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on January 14, 2003 (Paper No. 14). Applicants respectfully request a three month extension of time and submit the appropriate fee concurrently herewith. Also enclosed is a Request for Continued Examination and the appropriate fee. Applicants are a small entity and hereby assert small entity status.

Telephone Interview with the Examiner

Applicants wish to thank Examiners Haddad and Chan for the opportunity to conduct a telephone interview on April 14, 2003. During that interview, the outstanding enablement rejection was discussed and Applicants agreed to submit a declaration to show that the cadherin-11-Fc fusion protein mimics an anti-cadherin antibody and that in vivo administration of cadherin-11-Fc fusion protein does not induce an active immune response.